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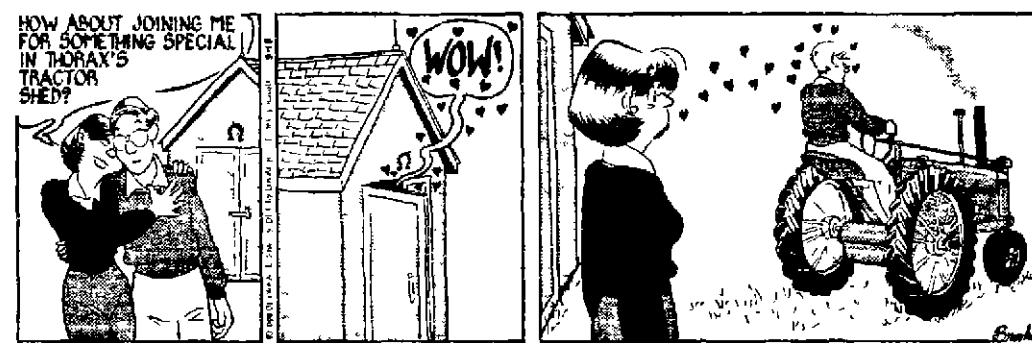
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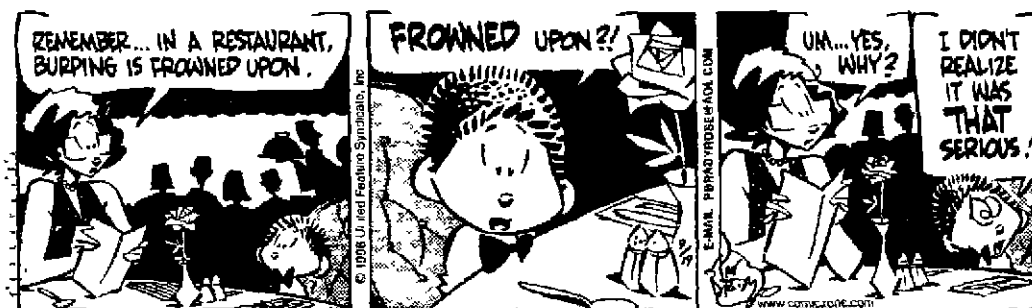
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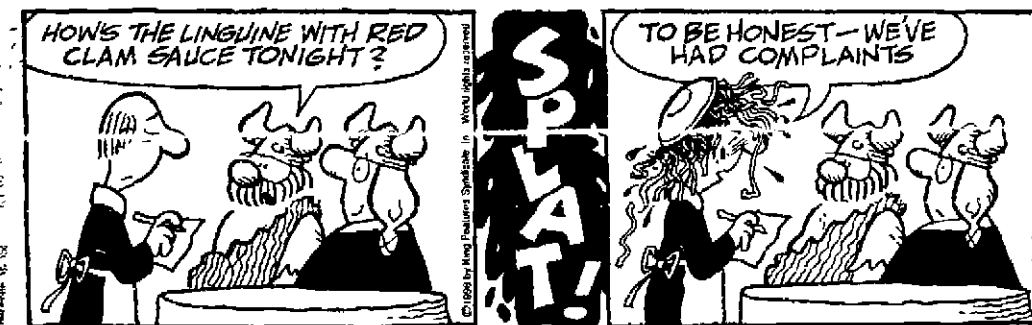
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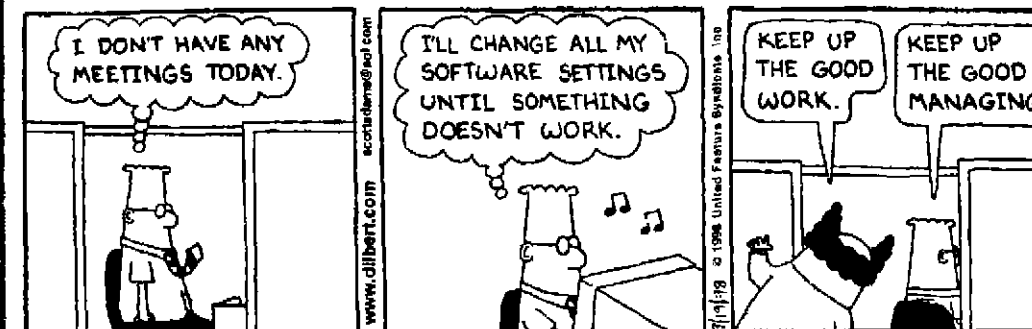
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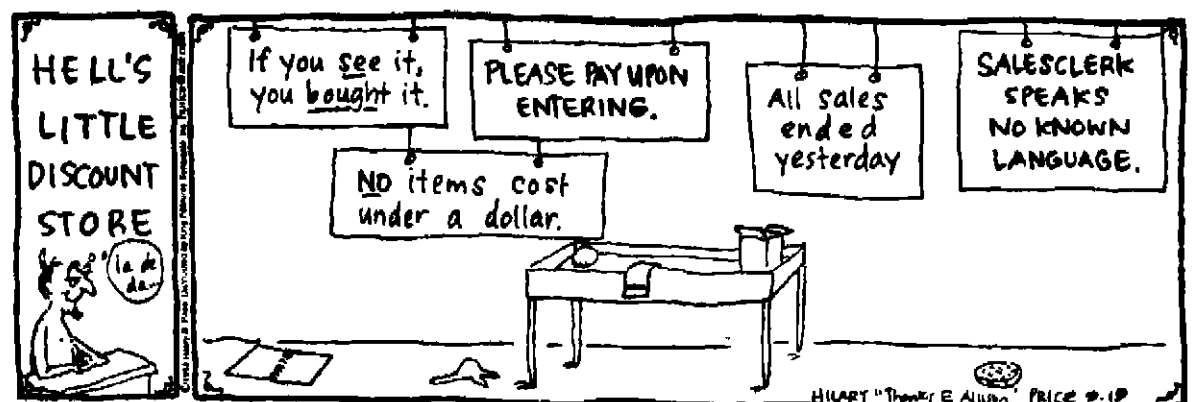
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



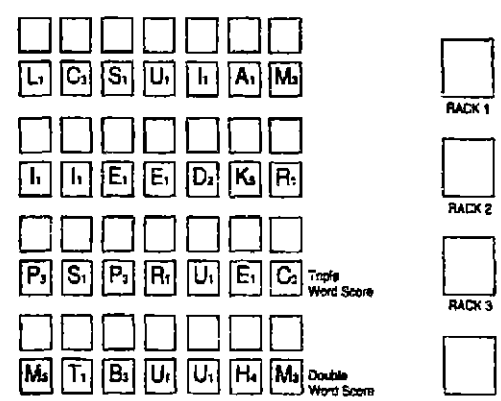
Today's Birthdays

Actor David McCallum is 65. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 65. Medley is 58. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 58. Goller Jane Blacklock is 53. Actor Jeremy Irons is 50. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 49. TV personality Joan Lunden is 48. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois is 47. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 46. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 42. Actor Kevin Hooks is 40.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-19-98 © 1998, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

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Y R O L J G A D A A X V S P E
N K I F C A X I V S D Q O L R
J H E C A X D V T T C A R C I
P N C O L O M B I A B C H S O
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B Y N M X V T E C R L R P O I
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G C D E H O D B Z Y X T W U E
T R A Q O C O N C L J S I G T
F O G N O C S O R O M O C D O
C A C I L B U P E R H C E Z C

Friday's unlisted clue: DECADE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: CASTRO
Cambodia Chad Comoros Croatia
Cameroon Chile Congo Cyprus
Canada China Costa Rica Czech Republic
Cape Verde Colombia Côte d'Ivoire

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Sept. 20, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you have not already asked for feedback from your peers, do it now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to interact with others in a social setting. You are able to play the perfect host.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Authority figures will notice that you are well-spoken, logical and entertaining.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) You might have trouble accepting change; know that everything will become apparent in time.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Everyone adores you, and you respond to the praise by being twice as bright and bold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Amorphous beings and vague ideas seem to have taken over your world. You cannot understand how everything turned from clear to foggy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are allowed to glory in your own magnificence for a while if you share it with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are exhausted by recent events and at last feel like letting someone else take control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The input of many minds will make the quality of work stronger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Although you have been busy, you'll have time for new endeavors in the immediate future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Although people might not appear to be listening, they could be recording you for later playback.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Do not procrastinate in dealing with uncomfortable situations. Speak with your creditors before things go too far.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"What can I do when I'm ready to bid my long solid suit only to hear my RHO bid it?" asked a reader. "Usually I get flustered, everyone becomes aware of the situation, and my side suffers accordingly." There's only one answer to that question. It is to pass quietly, revealing nothing about your holding. If you can conceal your frustration well enough, you might earn a huge reward. If East tries bidding spades himself over North's one-spade response, West will believe that East is asking for the other suits, and it will be all downhill from there. In East studies and then passes in obvious agitation, he has conveyed unauthorized information to his partner. This prohibits West from taking any action in bidding or play that's based on East's obvious discomfort. In today's layout, the disciplined and unrevealing pass bags a huge dividend. After routine bidding lands the opponents in a no-trump game, East can spring his trap. He doubles to direct a spade lead (first suit bid by dummy when neither East nor West has bid), and the game must go down two tricks. Is there a downside to the disciplined pass? The rewards might not always be as great as in today's example, but the downside should be minimal. Opener must rebid over North's response, and East will have another opportunity to speak if he deems it advisable.

NORTH 09-19-A

♥ A 10 6 2
♦ K 8 3
♣ A 9 4
♠ Q 6 3

WEST EAST

♥ 4 ♠ K Q J 9 8 7
♦ 7 6 5 2 ♥ 10 9 4
♣ 10 7 6 2 ♦ Q J 5
♠ 9 8 4 2 ♣ A

SOUTH

♥ 5 3 ♠ A Q J
♦ A 9 4 ♣ K J 10 7 5

Vulnerable Both

Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

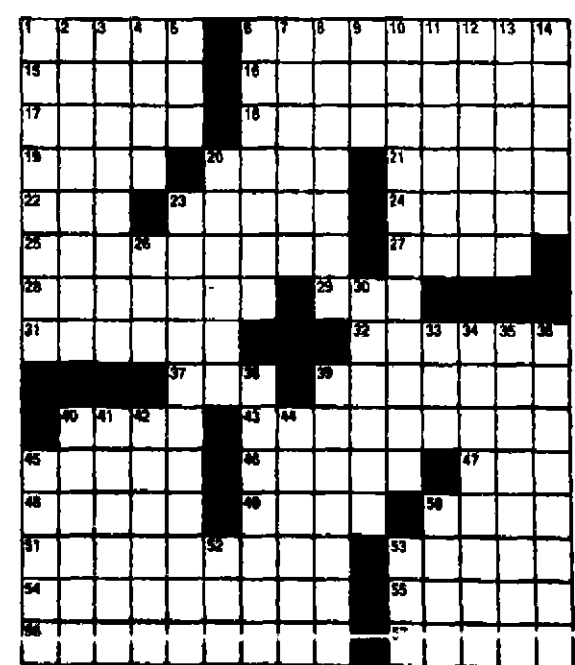
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ACROSS

- 1 Portrait displayed in Independence Hall
- 6 Atlanta's main drag
- 16 "American Me" star, 1992
- 18 Movie with the character Alvy Singer
- 17 Gnevas
- 18 Old
- 19 Aperture
- 20 Profits
- 21 Charity money-raiser
- 22 Org. banned from 1980 to 1990
- 23 Bad humorist's question
- 24 Seven-time Emmy winner
- 25 Stopped momentarily
- 27 Arm from overseas
- 28 Becomes a name
- 29 Computer add-on
- 31 Site of a 1598 edict
- 32 Historic place on the Dead Sea
- 37 Vet's memory, perhaps
- 38 Forceful
- 40 Prefix with 39-Across
- 43 90's band with the hit "I Will Buy You a New Life"
- 46 Kentucky Derby favorite
- 48 "Crooning" author John Gregory
- 47 Mo preceptor
- 48 Take for
- 49 Rick's love
- 50 Some charts
- 51 Fictional hero known as the Man of Bronze
- 53 Is slow-paced
- 54 It opened in 1825
- 55 Kind of knife
- 56 Common temp work
- 57 Periods of time

DOWN

- 1 Indian chief also known as Wa-hun-son-a-Law-ee
- 2 Early actress Duse
- 3 Hard red grain
- 4 Easy run
- 5 Twisty curve
- 6 Roofs of a kind
- 7 Tiny-capped mushrooms
- 8 One of TV's Mouseketeers
- 9 Raised one's spirits, perhaps?
- 11 Craving
- 12 Stream site
- 13 Big roll
- 14 Like some statesmen
- 15 Mother
- 16 Hounded
- 17 Model, originally
- 18 Izmir's former name
- 19 Girl of song
- 20 Only one way to telephone
- 21 Phonograph headquarters
- 22 1 to 57 heron
- 23 Third degree of a musical scale
- 24 How some places are populated
- 25 Meteorological event
- 26 Bring to the surface
- 27 It had a big part in the Bible
- 28 Common
- 29 World-weary
- 30 Sit (down)
- 31 Lead
- 32 Big broadcast mts.



Puzzle by Trip Payne

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